

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the office action dated November 1, 2007, and completion of the personal interview of January 17, 2008. The Examiner's observations and suggestions are much appreciated and incorporated herein.

Claims 13-20 were objected to for informalities. The informalities have been corrected as suggested. Therefore, this objection should be overcome.

Claims 1, 3, 11, and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,734,985 to Ochiai. Claims 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ochiai in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,064,849 to Nishikawa et al. Claims 5, 6, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ochiai in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,338,033 to Bourronnais et al. Claims 7-10 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ochiai in view of JP 10289070 to Hiroshi et al. Claims 12 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ochiai in view of Hiroshi, Bourronnais, and Nishikawa.

By way of review, the subject application is directed to a system and method for providing continuous feedback from a document processing device, such as an embodiment inclusive of a printing system. The system and method are particularly suited to an embodiment for secure, controlled reporting of machine status in accordance with particular needs associated with various networked clients of the document processing device. In this fashion, the device is preset with which messages are desired, when such messages should be delivered and a form format for the messages with is compatible with a particular device and are uniformly delivered to end users, irrespective of machine make or manufacturer. These settings allow the document processing device to push customized, compatible status messages at selected timing to each of a plurality of workstations. To accomplish the forgoing, a status message is received from a spooler and a signal is received from an image output system which is coupled to the spooler. Registration data is also received from each of a plurality of associated network clients at a spooler feedback component associated with the spooler. The registration data includes data representative of a request for transmission of status messages for communication to the network clients. A job state message is sent to a network client, wherein the job state message at least one of a status message and signal. The job state message is translated to a text message content

format compatible with a text message content format pre-associated with each of a plurality of different network clients. The system and method periodically push each translated job state messages to at least one corresponding network client of the plurality of associated network clients in accordance with received registration data. Thus, devices on a data network will communicate with uniform message content, irrespective of make and manufacturer. Users will be provided with uniform messages, therefore lessening chances for confusion or error in operation or monitoring of network devices.

In contrast to the forgoing, Ochiai, as cited by the Examiner, is directed to a status reporting system wherein a message is delivered “in accordance with a protocol, address and port number of the notification destination.” Ochiai, col. 8, lines 49-51. This message delivery is directed to particulars of a communication mechanism, as opposed to content of such communication.

In view of the forgoing, amendment has been made to each independent claim, claims 1, 12, 13 and 21. Amendments to dependent claims have been made to conform with the amendment to their base claims. More particularly, as amended, each claim now includes clarification wherein message content is formatted so as to be associated with each of a plurality of different network devices. This is far removed from the teachings of Ochiai.

The deficiencies in the teachings of Ochiai, noted above, are not remedied by any teaching of Nishikawa, Bourbonnais or Hiroshi. Nishikawa is directed to a data processing system that is adaptable to multiple languages, and is cited for teaching registration with a spooler’s API. Adaptation to multiple languages differs from providing *consistent* messaging, and providing that messaging relative to disparate devices. Bourbonnais is directed to translation between languages, and is cited as teaching filtration of job status messages. The subject application teaches and claims providing consistent messaging, and not filtration. Finally, Hiroshi is directed to printer notification, and is cited as teaching a delay of sending a job status message for a first time period. No teaching relative to the consistent messaging from different devices is present.

Accordingly, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art of record and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

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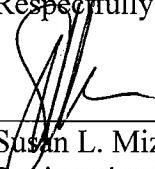
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If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/31366.

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